



Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐

PTO/SB/08a (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)		Application Number	10/804,254		
		Filing Date	March 19, 2004		
		First Named Inventor	Stimson, et al.		
		Group Art Unit	1763		
		Examiner Name			
		Attorney Docket Number	1946C21/AGS/IBSS/LP		
Sheet	1	of	1	Submission Date	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
KS 11-01-04	A1	US-4,367,114	01-04-1983	Steinberg et al	
	A2	US-4,798,562	01-10-1989	Brors et al	
	A3	US-4,384,918	05-24-1983	Abe	
	A4	US-4,897,171	01-30-1990	Ohmi	
	A5	US-5,228,501	07-20-1993	Tepman et al.	
	A6	US-5,560,780	10-01-1996	Wu et al.	
	A7	US-5,262,029	11-16-1993	Erskine et al.	
	A8	US-5,494,523	02-27-1996	Steger et al.	
	A9	US-5,540,821	06-30-1996	Tepman 07/1996	
	A10	US-5,611,865	03-18-1997	White et al.	
	A11	US-5,716,466	02-10-1998	Selwyn et al.	
	A12	US-5,725,718	03-10-1998	Banholzer et al.	
	A13	US-5,804,042	09-08-1998	Ferreira et al.	
	A14	US-5,569,350	10-29-1996	Osada et al.	
	A15	US-5,803,977	09-08-1998	Tepman et al.	
	A16	US-5,942,042	08-24-1999	Gogh	
	A17	US-			
	A18	US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ³
		Country Code ² -Number ² -Kind Code ² (if known)				
	B1	EP 0 732 728 A2	09-18-1996	Applied Materials, Inc.		
	B2	EP 0 624 896 A1	11-17-1994	Applied Materials, Inc.		
	B3	WO 98/53482	11-26-1998	Applied Materials, Inc.		
	B4					
	B5					

Examiner

Robert M. Powell

Date Considered

4/10/06

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. * Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). * See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. * Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). * For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. * Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. * Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.